

THE AUGUSTINIANS...

February 27, 2018

Commissioner Robert Taub, Chairman
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Postal Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20268

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RE: Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

The Province of St. Augustine in California joins the National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC), the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising. But we operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year, so if postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our mailings. This will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission.

Our mission is to serve the People of God in many diverse and important ways. We are dependent upon the generosity of our benefactors and we are required to do all possible to operate with the least amount of expense. We are called to be good stewards of the donations and support we receive and to maximize our outreach in response to that generosity.

Postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next five years will decidedly have a very negative impact on our mission, our stewardship, and the people we seek to serve. Please, we ask, do the right thing and reconsider your proposal. Thank you for your attention to our request.

Sincerely,

V. Rev Kevin C. Mullins, OSA

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